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Report from Matanzas—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, May 10:

Week ended May 8. Bills of health issued to 3 vessels clearing for the United States. One of these, the British steamship *Yoruba*, bound from Veracruz to New Orleans, via Sagua la Grande and Matanzas, was fumigated under my direction and supervision when about to leave this port. The vessel left Veracruz in ballast and went to Sagua for orders, being fumigated by the Cuban service on leaving the former port.

New quarantinable diseases have been reported in this district during the week.

Report from Santiago—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, May 4:

Week ended May 1. Bills of health issued to 5 vessels bound for the United States. No vessel was fumigated.

No quarantinable disease has been reported. (See Public Health Reports, May 7, p. 611.)

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Reports from Guayaquil—Fumigation of vessels—Plague and yellow fever—Comparative statistics of mortality, January–March, 1908 and 1909—Plague at Babohoyo.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, April 4, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Lloyd:

Week ended March 27. Two steamships fumigated.

Quarantinable diseases were reported in Guayaquil for the same week as follows: Yellow fever, 32 new cases, with 12 deaths; plague, 17 new cases, with 3 deaths.

The total mortality figures for Guayaquil for the first quarter of the present year denote a considerable reduction in mortality when compared with the figures for the same quarter of the year 1908:

Deaths.

Year.	January.	February.	March.
1908.....	310	376	604
1909.....	258	303	404
Difference.....	52	73	200

This gives a total difference of 325 deaths less, in a population estimated at 70,000 inhabitants.

No further cases of plague have been reported at the villages of Milagro, Tolte, and Nisag.

Two new cases of plague have recently been reported from the river town of Babohoyo.

Week ended April 3. One steamship fumigated.

Quarantinable diseases reported for Guayaquil for the same week: Plague, 17 new cases, with 9 deaths; yellow fever, 40 new cases, with 22 deaths. Total mortality from all causes for the week, 108.